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7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Dec. 10

Monthly Goal	Flown to Date	Current Status
74	28	-3
43	20	-3
64	27	+2

FY-03 Flying Hour Curve: -30.7

Source: 7th Operations Group

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317th Airlift Group Sortie Goals

As of: Dec. 9

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
78%	90%

Dyess IDEA program named 'million dollar club'

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess Innovative Development through Employment Awareness Program was recently recognized as being one of the best in Air Combat Command.

The IDEA program was given the distinction of being named a "million dollar club," for saving the Air Force more than \$1 million through ideas generated by Dyess troops last year. Dyess was one of only four ACC bases to earn the distinction.

"The Dyess IDEA program has been very successful," said Master Sgt. Mike Pershing, 7th Bomb Wing manpower office and IDEA program coordinator. "Over 73 individual ideas were approved last year, saving the Air Force more than \$1, 685,735. This includes not only individuals from the 7th Bomb Wing, but also from the 317th Airlift Group."

One of the top projects that led to the award was a Jet-Cal analyzer replacement idea submitted by Clarence Watson, 317th Airlift Group quality assurance, that saved the Air Force nearly \$1.2 million.

"When I first submitted the idea, I never realized just how much money it would save the Air Force -- I was just thinking about Dyess," Watson said. Watson's idea affected the entire C-130 fleet. The Air Force implemented his changes during the summer and Watson received the maximum \$10,000 award allowed by the IDEA program.

Other big IDEA winners included Master Sgt. Steven Schwartz, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron



Airman Robert Morris

Master Sgt. Stephen Schwartz, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron engine shop NCO-in-charge, saved the Air Force \$277,000 and earned \$10,000 because of his idea to change the wear limits of the F-101 engine turbine frame through the Innovative Development through Employment Awareness Program. Dyess' IDEA program recently was named to the "million dollar club" for saving the Air Force over \$1 million through ideas generated by Dyess troops.

engine shop NCO-in-charge submitted an idea to change the wear limits of the F-101 turbine frame which saved \$277,000. Master Sgt. Peter Nessia, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, submitted an idea to replace metal and cloth fire blankets on the B-1 engine bay with Korotherm protective coating, which saved the Air Force almost \$106,000.

All totaled, Dyess had six \$10,000 award winners in the last year.

Ideas that can save resources, increase efficiency, improve processes, products or equipment, and are in the

interest of national defense are exactly what the IDEA program is looking for, Pershing said.

"While I was proud to accept the award on the behalf of all people at Dyess, the people who submit the ideas are the real winners," Pershing said.

"The IDEA program rewards creative and innovative individuals for saving the Air Force money," Pershing said. "This award truly exemplifies 'Team Dyess.' This award would not have been made possible without the effort of all the submitters from both the 7th BW and the 317th AG."

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The real 'cost' of a DUI

By **Lt. Gen. William Hobbins**
12th Air Force commander

Last year, more than 17,400 people were killed as a result of drunk driving. More than 500,000 were injured and hundreds of thousands more received a driving under the influence conviction. Despite these facts, Air Force members routinely get behind the wheel and risk becoming part of these statistics.

Each year, there are numerous articles written on the subject of drinking and driving, yet the problem continues. I believe most of you already know it's a bad idea to drink and drive. You know that it threatens your career, your safety and your life. Those reasons should be enough to stop this reckless behavior, but obviously, they are not.

Perhaps the less obvious reason that will make you take a cab, call a friend, use Airmen Against Drunk Driving or your other base programs is the damage it will cause to your bank account.

The monetary cost for a first time DUI offender is between \$7,000 and \$10,000. That amount may seem unbelievable, but here are the specifics:

- Average fine: \$400
- Average blood or breath testing Fee: \$100
- Average DUI/alcohol awareness school fee: \$250
- Average license reissue fee: \$100
- Average bail bond fee: \$1,000
- Average attorney's fee: \$2,500
- Average auto insurance increase: \$2,700 (\$900 per year for three years)
- Average vehicle damage if involved in a DUI related accident: \$2,000

It is important to note that these figures do not include any costs for lost pay, personal injuries, medical costs or additional penalties for causing a crash. And, these are only the civilian costs. There

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Lt. Gen. William Hobbins
12th Air Force commander

are also military consequences to take into account.

Regardless of whether a DUI happens on or off base, at a minimum you will receive a letter of reprimand, an unfavorable information file will be opened and you risk losing your security clearance. In addition, you will automatically lose your driving privileges on base for one year. However, you will still be expected to arrive at work on time and carry out your duties without fail. Procuring alternate transportation and the additional time it will take you to get where you need to go is a definite cost of DUI.

If the DUI occurs on base you will also receive an Article 15 with a punishment of loss of pay and reduction in rank. If the DUI results in injuries or is a repeat offense, court-martial actions will be taken. These consequences affect your career and your way of life. They should not be taken lightly.

Every base within the command has a program in place to prevent drinking and driving. The options are there for you -- use them. The cost of a \$30-\$50 cab ride home might temporarily hurt your finances, but the cost of a DUI is much higher.

The bottom line is no one should ever get behind the wheel after drinking. Take care of yourselves, and take care of each other.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I had an automobile accident early this morning that turned over my minivan onto its side and had me scared to death. A young man and his wife waited while it was cleaned up and the police completed their work to give me a ride. The young man stood in the cold beside me and offered words of encouragement and helped the police officers when needed.

All I know is their names are Matt and Christy and that he recently moved here from an assignment in Arkansas. I would really like to thank them and to let you know that this young man went above and beyond with this act of kindness. The world needs more young couples like them.

Sincerely,
Dobie L. Brown



This week, I want to echo the words of Lt. Gen. William Hobbins, 12th Air Force commander. There is simply no reason and no excuse for getting behind the wheel after you have been drinking.

The consequences for a drunk driver can be staggering. In Texas, and on Dyess, the legal blood alcohol limit is .08 percent. For some people, that is a little as one or two drinks. Several of the consequences for drunk driving are automatic and mandatory. Your driving privileges will be suspended or revoked for at least a year. It's automatic. Moreover, your commander should also consider a referral performance report and suspension or withdrawal of your security clearance.

Those are just the administrative sanctions. As General Hobbins pointed out, drunk driving is a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. That means that on top of the insurance costs, the loss of driving privileges and the professional consequences, you may face disciplinary action. Even if your commander decides a court-martial isn't appropriate, you may receive an Article 15 punishment including loss of up to one-half of your pay for two months, loss of one or more stripes and restriction or extra duties.

But the real cost is the human suffering. Too many families, Air Force and civilian, have received that midnight phone call to come to the hospital because their spouse or child has been in an accident caused by an impaired driver. You are too important to put yourself at risk. You are too important to your family, your friends and this wing. It's one mistake that no one can afford to make.



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Standing ready

12th Air Force traces airpower legacy back to World War II

By Master Sgt. Robert Romanelli
7th Bomb Wing historian

At the beginning of 1941, our nation maintained a military force that best can be described as somewhat adequate.

We were at peace while war raged in Europe and the Pacific. We deluded ourselves into thinking we were strong enough to deter foreign aggression.

Our military was a peacetime force, and the numbers of men and equipment showed it.

Despite the warnings of some far-thinking Americans, our military remained in many ways, lacking.

But those sounding the alarm at home were not the only ones that

realized this. The Axis powers knew that to achieve their quest for global domination, they must strike a swift and telling blow to the American presence in the Pacific.

That blow was struck at Pearl Harbor. We were stunned, but not knocked out. America was still on its feet. We knew it was time to rebuild, and time to build up.

The effort to build up came in many ways. Factories that produced civilian consumer goods became industrial centers churning out war materials. The local populace sacrificed and rationed goods. The military created new units to achieve its wartime goals. It was one of those goals that resulted in the genesis of a new numbered Air Force.

In the middle of 1942, the Allies turned their gaze to North Africa. Their goal: Eliminate the Nazi presence. Its name: "Operation Torch."

To succeed, they would have to depend on air power. And so, the foundation was laid for the establishment of a mighty air armada. That armada came to be called the 12th Air Force.

On Nov. 8, 1942, the invasion of North Africa was under way. The 12th answered the call it was born to carry out. It pounded targets on the ground and cleared the enemy in the air. It also served in the skies over Sicily, Italy and Northern France.

Successes, however, came at a great cost. While the 12th laid waste to 2,857 enemy air-



An aerial shot of 12th Air Force Headquarters at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. 12th AF commands seven wings, including the 7th Bomb Wing. 12th AF has served the Air Force since 1942.

craft, it lost 2,667 of its own. It is a testimony to the courage and tenacity of the American spirit.

After World War II, the 12th AF continued to achieve. It was the first U.S. Air Force unit assigned to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. During the Vietnam War, the 12th became the primary source for tactical fighter, reconnaissance and airlift forces used in that theater.

It deployed in support of Operation Just Cause in Panama.

It participated in Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti. The 12th AF supported Operation Desert Shield and Storm by supplying aircraft to U.S. Central Command. It deployed its air operations center to the Middle East to support air activities in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Today, the 12th AF directs the activities of various units and establishments of the Regular Air Force, the Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard. And, it continues to build on a proud history that spans over 60 years.

12th Air Force units

- 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas
- 27th Fighter Wing, Cannon AFB, N.M.
- 28th BW, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
- 49th FW, Holloman AFB, N.M.
- 355th FW, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
- 366th Wing, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
- 1st Air Support Operations Group, Fort Lewis, Wash.
- 3rd Combat Communications Group, Tinker AFB, Okla.
- 820th Red Horse Civil Engineer Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.

Flying in safer Air Force skies

Air Combat Command conducts Flight Leadership Focus Day

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. -- To focus on the importance of flight leadership, Air Combat Command aircraft did not fly Dec. 6.

With increases in operations tempo and aircraft mishaps, Gen. Hal Hornburg, ACC commander, directed a flight leadership focus day.

Commanders across ACC conducted mandatory training which focused on basic flight discipline, task prioritization, and flight and maintenance procedures.

"While getting the job done is essential, we need to focus on getting the job done safely," Hornburg said. "It's understood that our people are stretched thin conducting the global war on terrorism, other contingency operations and homeland security missions over the United States, while preparing for possible future conflicts. However, focusing on the basics is every bit as vital in preparation for potential contingencies as it is for maintaining safe flying operations at home."

"Every member of Air Combat Command is an irreplaceable resource in the continuing global war on terrorism," Hornburg said. "The defense of our great nation needs each of us, our families need us, and I need every airman to ensure flight discipline is integral to our training and combat capability."

At Dyess, the ACC Flight Leadership Focus Day concentrated on three areas -- getting back to basics, task prioritization and contracts.

First, Dyess aircrews met to re-address the Dyess game plan and to discuss the mishap rates. Then aircrews discussed flight leadership, prioritization, manning and mission "crunch points."

As the day drew to a close, Dyess aircrews re-addressed issues from the day-long event and found answers to tough questions and ways to improve current operations.

"We wanted our aircrews to sit down and review the basics," said Lt. Col. Davis



Staff Sgt. Sarah Webb-Frost

Maj. Joe McLaughlin, 9th Bomb Squadron, inspects damage to an engine at a forward operating location while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in May. Due to an increase in Class A mishaps, Air Combat Command conducted a Flight Leadership Focus Day, Dec. 6 to re-address the importance of mission safety.

Walette, 7th Bomb Wing chief of safety. "When we go fly, we must be focused on the task, the right qualifications to make it happen and doing it professionally."

"In a nutshell, we are doing well," Walette added. "We have improved confidence, are better prepared for the fight and better prepared to use what we have

to do it safely."

(Courtesy of Air Force News Service. Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine, Dyess Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)



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Gen. Hal Hornburg
Air Combat Command
commander

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Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class
Michelle Gardea

Unit: 7th Communications Squadron

Job description: Information manager

Time in the Air Force: Two years and four months

Time at Dyess: Two years

Family: Daughter, Anayi

Hometown: Odessa, Texas

Job impact on the mission: I track training requirements for all workgroup managers, and provide administrative and workgroup manager support for my squadron.

Career goals: To get my associates degree in nursing and my Community College of the Air Force degree.

Best Air Force memory: Being named a distinguished graduate at technical school.

Editor's note: Squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors nominate people in their unit to be the Dyess Warrior of the Week. For more information, call the Peacemaker staff at 6-4266.



Airman Shawn Balduaf

TEAM DYESS

7th CS profile

Leaders:**Commander:**

Lt Col. Mark D'Etcheverry

First Sergeant:

Master Sgt. John Reinoehl

Personnel:

- Officers: Seven
- Enlisted: 160
- Civilian: 10

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Bergstrom family donates Purple Heart

By Capt. Dave Honchul
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Almost every American knows the significance of Dec. 7, 1941 -- a "day that will live in infamy." Fewer know, however, that Pearl Harbor and the Hawaiian Islands were not the only American target. Within hours of the attack, on the other side of the International Date Line, Japanese forces struck at Clark Field, Philippines, delivering another major blow to American forces.

Among those killed in that attack was Capt. Earl Bergstrom, a reservist from Austin, Texas, who had been called to active duty earlier in the year and was serving as an administrative officer with the 19th Bombardment Group. As a tribute to the captain, the Air Force base that was built outside Austin would be named for him. Today, nearly 10 years after it closed, the city airport on the same location still bears his name.

To mark the 61st anniversary of the captain's death, family members gathered at the airport to remember Bergstrom and donate his last military decoration to a display built in his honor -- the Purple Heart -- given posthumously for his fatal wounds in the Philippines.

"We felt the public at large should have an opportunity to learn more about Earl Bergstrom and the ultimate personal sacrifice he made for our country," said Jeff Hunt. Hunt, whose father-in-law was Bergstrom's cousin and had been holding the medal for several years, arranged the event for the family.

"The Bergstrom airport is named after him, and it is logical that this be the permanent home for this most cherished medal."

Prior to his activation,

Bergstrom had been working as a teller at the Austin National Bank. When it came time for his assignment, he and another officer from Austin had a choice between Clark Field and an Army post in Arizona. Bergstrom made the fateful decision to go to the Philippines.

"The other fellow was married and Earl was single," said the cousin, Art Bergstrom. "So, Earl took the overseas assignment."

Bergstrom family members, Austin Bergstrom International Airport officials, representatives of the Bergstrom Air Force Base Memorial Society and Col. Schuyler Geller, the 7th Medical Group commander, gathered at the airport for the short ceremony. Geller, representing the Air Force at the ceremony, received the Purple Heart from the family before turning it over to the memorial society that maintains the Bergstrom display at the airport located between Gates 14 and 15.

"We are greatly appreciative of all of our service men and women for the tremendous sacrifices they make for us," Hunt said. "All too often, we have a tendency to take this dedicated service for granted. Having Colonel Geller with us served as a strong reminder of how blessed we are to have the most well-trained and motivated military in the world."

"It was a really great honor to have the opportunity to represent the Air Force," Geller said. "It was an honor to take part in this bit of history. It was an opportunity to recognize Bergstrom's sacrifices, the sacrifices of those who have deployed since, and the sacrifices of those who are currently deployed and serving in harm's way."

As for the family, they felt a tremendous sense of pride, Hunt said. They are excited

"Earl Bergstrom and his memory are a symbol of great human sacrifices that have been made to keep our country free."

Jeff Hunt
Purple Heart event organizer

that a new chapter in public recognition for the captain's sacrifice has begun.

"Earl Bergstrom and his memory are a symbol of great human sacrifices that have been made to keep our country free. We need to keep that memory alive for every generation that follows."



Charlene Kennedy

Austin City Councilman Will Wynn, Art Bergstrom and 7th Medical Group commander Col. Schuyler Geller show the Purple Heart posthumously awarded to Capt. Earl Bergstrom to visitors at the Bergstrom Austin International Airport Saturday. The Bergstrom family gathered at the airport to mark the 61st anniversary of the captain's death and donate the medal to the Bergstrom Air Force Base Memorial Society.

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This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

Dec. 13 -- A U.S. Air Force Stargazer balloon reached an altitude of 82,000 feet in 1962.

Dec. 14 -- Maj. Gen. J.E. Fechet became Chief of the Air Corps in 1927.

Dec. 15 -- The first U.S. Air Force gunship, the AC-47, enters combat in Vietnam in 1964.

Dec. 16 -- The Chief Signal Corps officer called for bids on a lighter-than-air airship in 1907.

Dec. 17 -- The Wright

Brother's flew the first sustained controlled flight in a powered aircraft in 1903.

Dec. 18 -- Dyess and Ellsworth crews completed two days of bombing in the B-1's combat debut in action over Iraq as part of Operation Desert Fox in 1998.

Dec. 19 -- President Dwight Eisenhower's Christmas message was relayed by orbiting U. S. Air Force satellite in 1958.



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Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Quiz winner

Staff Sgt. Sierra Edwards explains markings on a Native American bowl which was part of the prize package for the Native American Heritage Month Trivia Contest. The 7th Bomb Wing Military Equal Opportunity office and Capt. Henry Macri, MEO chief, holding a Native American pitcher, presented the gifts to Tech. Sgt. Nina Richardson, (center). Richardson is the 7th BW Director of staff assistant. For the answers to the quiz which was featured in the Oct. 25 *Peacemaker*, turn to page 19.

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Judson Brohmer

While the F/A-22 Raptor program is being investigated for potential cost overrun in the engineering, manufacturing and development phase, the aircraft itself continues to perform superbly in flight tests, according to Air Force officials.

Team delivers report on F/A-22 cost increases

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- The team of technical and financial experts sent by the Air Force to investigate a potential cost overrun in the engineering, manufacturing and development phase of the F/A-22 Raptor program recently completed its initial report.

The team estimated that the cost increase would be between \$700 million and \$1 billion, said Dr. Marvin Sambur, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, in a Dec. 6 Pentagon briefing. The increase is being driven by schedule extensions caused in large part to resolving development issues with avionics software stability and fin buffeting, and not by aircraft performance issues.

"The aircraft continues to perform superbly in flight tests and is demonstrating those revolutionary capabilities we expect it to deliver," Sambur said.

To cover the estimated increase, the Air Force will not ask for additional funding but will instead source the cost from within the current funding of the F/A-22 program.

This could mean that the

Air Force may have to reduce the number of Raptors it purchases by five or six aircraft.

"We have to show that we're committed to this program," Sambur said. "There is tremendous pressure on us to keep (this increase) as small as possible.

"The (F/A-22) program is more fragile than a lot of people realize. There comes a certain point where if we continue having significant issues, the Air Force will have to go back and re-evaluate the program."

Sambur said these cost increases cannot continue unchecked, and the service may be forced to "draw a line in the sand."

However, because the Raptor remains the cornerstone of the Air Force's planned transformation efforts, the service and the contractor are working closely together to implement recommendations by the team that could significantly reduce the estimated cost increases.

"We are fully committed to completing the development phase of the program and delivering a fully operational aircraft to the warfighters by the planned initial operational capability date in 2005," Sambur said.

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Government travel card abusers may lose access to classified info

**By Senior Airman
Lindsey Maurice**
Dyess Public Affairs

Government travel card abusers can now face a suspension of access to classified information as a result of a new Department of Defense initiative.

The initiative was implemented Air Forcewide last month upon the recommendations of the Charge Card Task Force, a group established by the Under Secretary of Defense to investigate the Department's charge card program and recommend ways to strengthen the procedures and internal controls, said officials.

"The big issue here is trust," said Master Sgt. Edward Kopp, 7th Bomb Wing assistant law office manager. "The whole concept behind granting someone a security clearance is that we trust him or her with classified information to do the job and not let that information get out to people who don't need to know it," Kopp said. "But if we can't trust a person with the responsibility of the government credit card, then how can we trust them with classified materials."

As part of the new initiative all investigative agencies are encouraged to ensure that security man-

agers and supervisors are appropriately notified when a government purchase or travel charge cardholder comes under investigation for charge card misuse or abuse, said officials.

Prompt action is required in response to allegations of charge card misuse or abuse by both military members and government civilians. The abuser's unit commander has the authority to suspend his or her classified access. Therefore, security officials are to immediately report such allegations to the appropriate unit commander, officials said.

"Based on the commander's recommendation, the 7th Security Forces Squadron personnel security section will initiate a security information file to begin the clearance revocation process," said Tech. Sgt. Alton Pitman, 7th Security Forces Squadron NCO in charge of personnel security. "SIFs may be established for a variety of reasons. In this case, it could fall under personal conduct, trustworthiness, financial issues or even criminal conduct for failing to obey a lawful order."

All personnel who have SIFs initiated lose access to classified materials, access to restricted areas, eligibility to deploy in some cases and eligibility to re-enlist in

some cases, Pitman said.

"For some people, not having a security clearance might not effect their job, Kopp said. "But for many military members, losing their security clearance could be a big problem, especially for people who use their clearance on a daily basis like those who work on the flightline."

So far this year 11 Dyess airmen were given Articles 15 for improper use of their government travel cards. Six more were given Articles 15 for failing to pay their travel card bills. However, since these cases occurred before the new policy was implemented, no SIFs have been initiated so far this year based on travel card abuse.

However, Dyess officials are still cautioning travel cardholders to stay responsible and not to misuse the card.

"A SIF is not something you want to mess around with," Pitman said. "It is good forever, unless there are steps taken by the commander to have the security clearance re-instated. This in itself is a long, drawn-out process than can take anywhere from three months to one year, and is not guaranteed."

"The bottom line is act responsibly, especially when it comes to the use of the government travel card."

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Thrift Savings Plan: Open season ends Dec. 31

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Dyess civilian and military employees still have time to sign up for or change Thrift Savings Plan accounts before the open season ends Dec. 31.

"TSP is an easy, long-term retirement savings plan, that everyone should consider," said Maj. Alessandra Stokstad, chief of the contact center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. "And it's important to note that TSP is not limited to investing in stocks. People can choose safer government securities as well."

"Employees already contributing to the TSP are encouraged to review their TSP plan and account balances," said Janet Thomas of the center's civilian benefits and entitlements service team, "The open season period is the best time to open an account or make changes to an existing one."

TSP offers investors the chance for lower taxes each year they contribute while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

"You can take out loans and make withdrawals from your TSP account," Thomas said. "And you can keep your account even if you leave military or federal service."

Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck "so you never have to think about it," Stokstad said. "That makes it easy to 'pay yourself first' while only investing what you deem appropriate."

The five TSP funds are: the Government Securities Investment (G) Fund, the Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund, the Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund, the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund, and the International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund.

"The funds progress in risk, with the G Fund being the least risky to the I Fund being the most risky," said Jim McDonald,

"The open season period is the best time to open an account or make changes to an existing one."

Janet Thomas
Air Force Personnel Center
Civilian benefits and entitlements service team

Dyess personal financial manager. "But whichever fund or funds an investor decides to put (his or her) money in they are all good investments."

"What people need to determine before they select which fund or funds they invest in is which one is best for them," McDonald said. "Selecting a fund is all a matter of risk tolerance. If you are not sleeping well at night thinking about your investment, you're at too much of a risk."

But no matter what investment a person thinks might best suit him or her, McDonald encourages people to really follow through with investing and do so as soon as possible.

"It's never too late to invest in your future," McDonald said.

Account changes made through Dec. 31 will become effective the beginning of the following pay period for civilians and the following month for military.

Civilian employees enroll and make changes to their TSP on the Thrift Savings Web site at <http://www.tsp.gov> or the BEST home page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm>.

Military members should go to the 7th Comptroller Squadron customer service office in the 7th Bomb Wing headquarters building to enroll in TSP.

(Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome, Dyess Public Affairs, and Air Force Print News contributed to this story)

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Next generation Web portal testing begins

WASHINGTON -- The next generation of the Air Force Portal made its debut at Langley Air Force Base, Va., Dec 6.

Air Force people assigned to Air Combat Command headquarters and several other units at Langley will participate in the first command- and base-level test of the redesigned portal.

Air Force Materiel Command, designated lead for integrating organizational content and job-related portal tools, will soon test this initiative at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Integration of portal content and applications from all commands will occur in 2003.

The portal is a vital part of the Air Force's effort to transform and improve the way people work, said John Gilligan, the Air Force's chief information officer.

"While progress has been made, there is still a lot to be accomplished, and the Air Force people at Langley and Wright-Patterson will make an important contribution toward making sure we get it right on behalf of the entire Air Force," Gilligan

said.

"The Air Force Portal gives Air Force people the ability to view information needed to do their job without regard to the system managing that information," said Col. Norris Connelly, director of systems and technology in the office of the Air Force's chief information officer.

"Ultimately, this means a maintainer stationed anywhere in the world could log on to a computer, check e-mail, get the status of ordered parts, find out the scheduled take-off time for the aircraft that needs those parts, and get information pushed to him based on individual interests and profile, with nothing more than a Web browser loaded on a desktop computer with network access."

When fully operational, the portal will provide a single point of access to the right information, at the right time, in the right format and from any location, Gilligan said.

Portal users will be able to:

- Personalize the display and delivery of portal infor-

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John Gilligan
Air Force chief information officer

mation;

- Take favorite Web site links with them when they travel; and

- Readily access the best of Air Force content, tools and applications, all organized in a user-friendly format.

The new portal sports a standard look and feel, and standard index and navigation, said Connelly.

"This is a great leap forward," he said. "This means a consistent and reliable online experience."

When accessing information at different commands and bases, the same information from each facility will be in the same place with the same name.

While only in the early stages of this standardization process, the portal will significantly simplify finding important and relevant

Air Force information, Connelly said.

The portal also allows access to integrated content from desktops and new features so users will not have to remember a laundry list of user names and passwords when they use multiple Air Force sites.

The current portal allows for a reduced logon for registered Web applications such as the virtual MPF, My Pay and others.

One popular tool that will continue to be universally available -- the Air Force White Pages -- allows users to look up contact information on Air Force people.

Connelly said the growing number of Web-enabled applications on the Air Force Portal represents a big break-through for users.

Plans call for the Air Force Portal to serve as the

entry point to the Internet for all airmen and civilian employees while at work. Although the current portal is limited to .mil users on the unclassified network, future enhancements will include portal access to classified information via the secure network and access to the unclassified portal via the Internet from any commercial Internet service provider, Connelly said.

Besides accommodating every airmen and civilian employee, the portal will eventually be open to Air Force retirees and family members, a universe of more than 1.3 million users, Connelly said. When the portal pilots are launched at Langley and Wright-Patterson, more than 20,000 Air Force people will gain new account privileges to access the online service and give it a test-run.

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(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Local Advertisement

CALENDAR



Today, Dec. 13, 2002

Holiday greenware sale today at the Crafter's Haven Skills Development Center. Customers receive a 10 percent discount. For more info, call 6-4175.

Social hour from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club and the Enlisted Lounge. For more info, call 6-2405.

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002

Holiday golf scramble at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. Tee-time begins at noon. For more info call 6-4384.

Thunder Alley from 8 p.m. to midnight at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002

Airmen's golf day, half-price golfing for airmen E-1 to E-4 at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-5067.

Family day bowling at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Monday, Dec. 16, 2002

Football Frenzy, 7 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002

5K Jingle bell run/walk through base housing. For more info, call the fitness center at 6-4306.

Dyess Toastmasters meeting, 11:45 a.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call Pat Clancy at 6-1046.

Bingo mania, 7:15 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002

317th Airlift Group Combined Squadron Operations Building groundbreaking, 11 a.m. on Herk Drive.

Barbecue lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Trip to Celebration Park's seasonal light show. For more info, call 6-4305.

Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002

50's night, 5 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Upcoming events

Dec. 20 -- Tree dedication, 2:45 p.m. in honor of Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin, 7th Bomb Wing commander, at the parade grounds.

Dec. 20 -- Operation Enduring Freedom medals presentation, 3:30 p.m. at the three-bay hangar.

Dec. 22 -- Super Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Dec. 23 -- Base Major Accident Response Exercise

Dec. 25 -- Christmas

Dec. 31 -- Dyess After Dark New Years Eve Party, 8 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Dec. 31 -- New Years bowling party, 8 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Jan. 1 -- New Year's Day

Jan. 3 -- Brig. Gen. Wendell and Mrs. Griffin's farewell dinner at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 2nd Lt. Benjamin Gamble at 6-3480.



Ken Clark

Helping for the holidays

Lt. Col. Paul Myers, 7th Services Squadron commander, and other 7th SVS troops serve a turkey holiday dinner to local residents at the Southpark Community Center in Abilene Monday. The 7th SVS squadron raised money to purchase the food with the help of local contributions and then prepared the dinner. The event fed more than 300 people. This is the 14th year the squadron has conducted the event.

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Groundbreaking

The 317th Airlift Group Combined Squadron Operations Building groundbreaking is 11 a.m. Wednesday on Herk Drive.

For more information, call 6-5140.

Thrift Shop

The Dyess Thrift Shop's last business day before closing for Christmas is Thursday. The thrift shop will re-open for regular business Jan. 7.

For more information, call 6-8203.

Last issue

The last *Peacemaker* of the year is Dec. 20.

The next *Peacemaker* will be published Jan. 10. Deadline for submissions is Jan. 2.

For more information, call Senior Airman Zachary Wilson, *Peacemaker* editor at 6-4266.

Farewell party

Dyess will bid farewell to Mrs. Jackie and Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin Jan. 3 at The Heritage Club.

The general will be leaving to become the U.S. Southern Command director of strategy, policy and plans in Miami.

To RSVP, call your group executive officer.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Benjamin Gamble at 6-3480.

Tree pickup

The refuse contractor will pick up Christmas trees in base housing on Jan. 3 and Jan. 7.

Trees must be free of all loose debris and placed by the curb no later than 8 a.m. on the day of the pickup.

For more information, call

Master Sgt. Harold Patterson at 6-3344.

Tree dedication

A tree in the parade grounds will be dedicated to Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin, 7th Bomb Wing commander, at 2:45 p.m. Dec. 20 at the base parade grounds

OEF ceremony

A medal presentation ceremony honoring members of Dyess who deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom is at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 20 at the three-bay hangar.

COC

Col. Jonathan George will assume command of the 7th Bomb Wing from Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin during a change of command ceremony at 10:00 a.m. at the three-bay hanger.

For more info, call 6-2121.

Chapel job

The Dyess chapel is looking for a part-time bookkeeper to manage non-appropriated chaplain funds.

A statement of work is available at the chapel from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. A bid package including a resume, desired salary and contact information can be submitted to the chapel by Dec. 20.

For more information, call the chapel 6-4624.

Gift certificate checks

The Dyess Commissary has gift certificates available for sale.

The certificate checks gift certificates are good at any commissary location worldwide.

For more information, call 6-2434.

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Committee chair

The Dyess Military Equal Opportunity office is looking for a volunteer to head the African-American Heritage Month committee.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storey at 6-4226.

PFE volunteers

The Air Force is looking for senior NCOs to help develop promotion fitness examination questions for weighted airman promotions testing.

Nominations must be routed through unit and group commanders and be received by the 7th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant by Wednesday.

Chief master sergeants, chief master sergeant-selects, senior master sergeants and senior master sergeant-selects of any Air Force Specialty Code may apply. Senior NCOs that are selected will attend a one-month temporary duty assignment to the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, next year.

Nominees must have documented outstanding duty performance in supervisory, managerial and leadership positions and a written recommendation by their unit commander. Nominees must also be a Senior NCO Academy graduate.

For more information, contact your first sergeant or call DSN 574-2361.

Palace Chase

Palace Chase briefings are held at 1 p.m. Wednesdays in Building 417, Room 304. No appointments are required.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Davis at 6-2957

Air Force Reserve

Air Force Reserve separation briefings are at 4 p.m. Wednesdays in Building 417, Room 304.

To make an appointment,

send an e-mail to Master Sgt. Scott Davis at scott.davis@dyess.af.mil or call 6-2957.

Palace Envoy

The Air Force is searching for master sergeant and senior master sergeant volunteers to join the military liason team in Macedonia and Maldiva. Interested people need to apply by Dec. 30.

Tour lengths are 179 days.

For more information, call the Military Personnel Flight at 6-3003.

Toastmasters

The Dyess Toastmasters meet at 11:45 a.m. Tuesdays at The Hangar Center.

For more information, call 6-1046.

Baggage claim

Domestic airlines have reduced the the domestic free weight allowance for passenger's checked luggage from 70 pounds to to 50 pounds per piece.

Any piece of luggage weighing over 50 pounds will be assessed excess luggage charges depending on weight. Luggage weighing between 50 and 70 pounds will be charged \$25 per piece. Luggage weighing between 70 and 100 pounds will be assessed \$50 a piece, and luggage weighing over 100 pounds will not be accepted.

The maximum total linear dimension, which is determined by adding length plus width plus height, per piece of checked luggage is 62 inches.

Speakers' bureau

The Dyess Public Affairs Speakers' Bureau is looking for volunteers to speak at public events. Engagements include speaking at clubs and schools about a variety of Air Force topics.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Benjamin Gamble at 6-3480

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Web site: <https://wwwmil.dyess.af.mil/honor/index.html>

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COMMUNITY

**'Operation Job Search'**

The family support center is holding an "Operation Job Search" class from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The class will cover how to write a resume and cover letter, apply for a job and interview, analyze labor market information, review job offers and salaries, and obtain Veterans Administration benefits.

To register or for more information, call 6-5999.

Celebration Park

The community center is hosting a trip to Celebration Park's seasonal light show Wednesday.

The bus will depart The Hangar Center at 6 p.m.

Transportation is free. There is a fee to enter the park.

For more information, call 6-4305.

Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's Attic is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 21.

For more information, call 6-5999.

Holiday closure

The Mesquite Grove Golf Course will be closed for business Dec. 25.

The course will resume business Dec. 26 with the jackpot golf tournament.

For more information, call 6-4387.

Web page camp

The Dyess Youth Center is hosting a Web page camp Jan. 30.

For more information, call the youth center at 6-4797.

Tiny tots reading hour

Children ages 1-5 are invited to the tiny tots reading hour from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the base library.

For more information, call 6-2618.

Winter lawn equipment

Outdoor recreation is now available to winterize lawn care equipment.

Winterizing lawn care equipment can help prevent maintenance



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Microphone magic

Above: Tech. Sgt. Jana Manning sings with her daughter, Jani (center), and her son, Amani (right) during the 2002 Dyess Family and Teen Talent Contest. The Manning family won first place in the family group performance category with their rendition of "Silent Night." Right: Chalice Rosine, the first-place winner in the ages 6-8 category, twirls her skirt to the '60s classic "I'm a Believer" by The Monkees. Other winners include: Mary Jackson and Janae Smith, first-place in parent and youth category; Janae Smith, first-place in ages 3-5 category; Kaitlyn Martin, first-place in children ages 9-12 solo category; Mariah Hill, Meleah Hill and Malcolm Hill, first-place in ages 9-12 group category; Miah Hill, first-place in ages 13-15 category; and Roberta Klimczak, first-place in ages 16-18 category. The talent contest also featured special guest performances by Senior Airman Joe Massey and 2nd Lt. Benjamin Gamble. The top qualifying performers in each category will move on to represent Dyess at the major command level.



problems in the summer time.

To schedule an appointment, call 6-2402.

New equipment available

Outdoor recreation has a new rental equipment list available.

Outdoor recreation offers a variety rental equipment such as camping items, sporting goods, and television and videocassette recorder combination machines.

Rollaway bed rentals are on special in December.

For more information, call 6-4179.

CHAPEL

**Chapel schedule**

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday.

Mass starts at 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday. Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Protestant: Shared faith worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Contemporary worship begins at 6 p.m. Sunday.

A nursery and children's church are available at all services.

Other religions: The chapel has information on other religious services in the Abilene area.

For more information, call 6-4224.

OFF BASE

**Christmas caroling**

People can join the members of the base chapel as they go

Christmas caroling through base housing from 7-9 p.m. Dec. 20. Transportation, soup, hot cocoa and cookies will be provided.

For more information, call Deanna Borges at 6-4224.

Six Flags tickets

The information, ticket and travel office has tickets to Six Flags "Holiday in the Park."

The cost is \$15. "Holiday in the Park" lasts until Jan. 5.

For more information, call 6-5207.

Skiing trip

Outdoor recreation is hosting a ski trip to Ruidosa, N.M., Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

The weekend package includes transportation, lodging and lift fees. The cost starts at \$240.

For more information, call 6-2402.

Dyess + Volunteering = Toys 4 Tots

Dyess volunteers work to brighten holiday for local kids



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Marine Lance Cpl.s. Michael Gomez, Kacey Toliver and Marine Staff Sgt. Wally Ortiz load donated bikes into a storage area at the Marine Corps detachment at Dyess. The bikes, along with thousands of other toys, were donated to this year's Toys for Tots drive. Last year more than \$10,000 and 7,000 toys were donated to Toys for Tots. Currently, Toys for Tots has collected more than \$6,000 and 2,700 toys. Donations for the program will be accepted until Wednesday. All the donated toys will be handed out Thursday through Dec. 21 at the Abilene Civic Center by program volunteers. To volunteer, call Ortiz at 6-5850, ext. 1000.

**By Airman 1st Class
Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs**

Some children will not know the excitement and merriment of tearing into colorful presents during the holidays. But some Dyess servicemembers are working to ensure that for hundreds of children in the Big Country, this Christmas will be better and brighter.

To accomplish their mission, these volunteers are working together with the Abilene community as part of the local U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

"The Marine Corps runs it, but this is not our program," said Marine Chief Warrant Officer Carlos Duschene, 1st Direct Support Platoon, Detachment 1 commander. "It is a community program, and it is the direct support of the local community that drives this program and makes it a success."

The Toys for Tots program accepts toys and monetary donations to purchase toys for less-fortunate children who may not receive anything this holiday season.

"We have been working for the past few months to

make a better Christmas for a lot of kids," said Marine Staff Sgt. Wally Ortiz, Det. 1 administrative chief. "It is a good program that provides the opportunity to really make a difference."

So far this year, Toys for Tots has raised more than \$5,000 and collected more than 2,700 toys. While more toys and monetary donations are accepted every day, volunteers have noticed a decline in the amount of donations received from previous years.

According to program officials, last year Toy for Tots raised more than

\$10,000 and 7,000 toys. Despite the decrease, volunteers feel that this season's donation drive will still be a success.

"We are here for one simple reason -- to bring a happy Christmas to children," Ortiz said. "Whether

we give away two presents or 600, we will give what we have got."

As the completion of the 2002 Toys for Tots program draws closer, several opportunities remain for Dyess servicemembers to donate or volunteer their time.

The Toys for Tots program has a variety of locations across Abilene where people can drop off their toy donations such as the Salvation Army, Abilene Fire Department, Abilene Police Department and city hall. On base, donations can be taken to the Marine Corps detachment building.

All donations to Toys for Tots will be distributed at the Abilene Civic Center Thursday through Dec. 21 by program volunteers.

"Apart from serving our country, we like to help out the folks at home," Ortiz said. "We are not (just hard-core warriors) — we are just regular people who do our best to help those less fortunate."

For more information about donations or volunteering for Toys for Tots, call Ortiz at 6-5850, ext. 1000 or visit the Marine Corps detachment building on base.

For more information about receiving toys from Toys for Tots, visit the Abilene Salvation Army or go to the family support center to pick up an application.



The Toys for Tots program accepts toys and monetary donations to purchase toys for less fortunate children who may not receive anything this holiday season. Volunteers help collect donations as well as distribute the toys.

Toy safety

When buying toys for tots, take safety into consideration

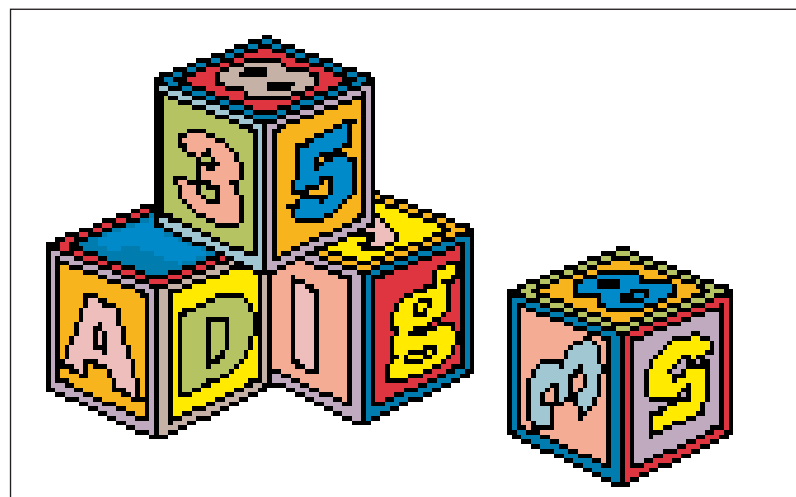
By Senior Airman
Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

As the holiday season rapidly approaches, millions of Americans are scrambling to toy stores everywhere trying to find the coolest gift with the most buttons, noises and other fun features. However, while shoppers look for that special gift, they should make sure the toy is right for the child they are buying for.

One might ask what safety has to do with a harmless toy.

"Over 16,000 injuries are caused by toys each year, half are to children under 5," said Capt. Paul Yenter, chief of health promotions at the Health and Wellness Center. "Most toy accidents result from misuse or from tripping over the toy rather than from some defect or design flaw in the toy itself."

When buying toys, try to think of safety first. Try and think if the child the toy is being purchased for will use the toy the way it was intended to be used, Yenter said. Is the toy chewable, breakable, detach-



able, flammable or too noisy?

Among these types of toys are balloons or pieces of balloons.

"Non-inflated balloons or pieces of popped balloons cause the most injuries to toddlers," Yenter said. "Little ones can put them in their mouths and try to swallow them. They are the most dangerous toy there is for small children."

Sometimes the "big kid" toys are just as appealing to toddlers, Yenter said.

Many tots choke on the marbles, small parts or tiny batteries of toys belonging to their older siblings. A brother's or sis-

ter's hobby kit or chemistry set can burn or poison an infant. Both parents and children need to be on guard, Yenter said. Have everyone in the family put things away and out of reach, especially before meals or whenever they leave their room. Remind school-age children that if they leave little toy parts lying around, they probably won't have them for long, Yenter said.

Keep play areas separated by closing bedroom doors or installing baby gates approved by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Toy safety guide



Buy toys with safety in mind.

Ask yourself, will my child use this toy the way it was intended to be used?

- Is it chewable, breakable, detachable, flammable or too noisy?

- Do the arms or legs of this doll pull off easily?

- Is this toy easy to clean? Does it have strings, long hair or clothing that an infant could choke on?

- Does it shoot anything that might injure eyes?

As eye-catching as a toy may be to you, it may not be suited to a toddler's age, interests or developmental stage.

It may not only bore the child, it may be unsafe. Read the age range given on toy packaging.

Properly using a child's building blocks, for instance, requires skills too advanced for most infants. A baby might also get hurt playing with them incorrectly or by crawling over them.

For more information on toy safety, contact the Health and Wellness Center at 6-4140 or your primary care manager.

Native American History month quiz answers released

Editor's note: Below is the quiz that ran in the Oct. 25 issue of the Peacemaker. The answers are listed in the box to the right. Thanks to all who participated.

1. Born in 1887 and considered one of the greatest athletes of all time, he excelled in track and field, football, and baseball. A Sauk Indian and the great grandson of the famous chief Black Hawk, he was the first athlete to win both the Olympic decathlon and pentathlon. Who was he?

2. The daughter of an Osage father, she made her reputation as a ballerina with the New York City Ballet. In 1980, she founded the Chicago City Ballet and served as its director until 1987. Who is she?

3. There are at least six Native American tribes that populate the Southwest region of the United States. Can you name them?

4. Under the Removal Act of

1829, an official Indian Territory was created to accommodate the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole tribes who were forced to leave their lands during a journey called the "Trail of Tears." What future state was this Indian Territory located in?

5. Playwright and poet of Cherokee ancestry, Rollie Riggs' greatest success was the play "Green Grow the Lilacs." This play later became the basis for what hit musical?

6. There are at least six Native American tribes that populate the Southeast region of the United States. Can you name them?

7. Native Americans have fought in all wars from the Civil War to the Persian Gulf War. In 1969, a medal, depicting Ira Hayes and the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima, was unveiled to honor a special unit whose achievements during World War

II had remained "top secret" for 24 years. Who were these warriors?

8. A well-traveled route, the Iroquois Trail, existed between Albany and Buffalo. What later man-made transportation route followed the trail?

9. There are at least six Native American tribes that populate the Northeast region of the United States. Can you name them?

10. She is forever linked with the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804 where she served as an interpreter and guide. She is also featured on the American dollar. Who is she?

11. This Seneca chief was a scholar, soldier, lawyer and engineer. A commissioned officer in the Union Army, he rose to the rank of brigadier general and was appointed by Ulysses S. Grant the first Indian Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Who was he?

12. There are at least 13 Native American tribes that populate the Great Plains region of the United States. Can you name them?

13. The 14th Amendment specified in 1868 that Native Americans did not have the right to vote. When was this right restored for all Native Americans?

14. French explorer Jacques Cartier noted in 1535 that Northeastern tribes boiled the bark and needles of evergreen trees to make a potion that cured a disease that afflicted Native Americans and Europeans alike in winter months. What was the disease?

15. There are at least nine Native American tribes that populate the Pacific Coast region of the United States. Can you name them?

ANSWER KEY

1. Jim Thorpe (1887 - 1953)
2. Maria Tallchief, born 1925
3. The Pueblos (including Hopi, Zuni, Taos); Pima, Papago, Yuma, Navajo and Apache
4. Oklahoma
5. "Oklahoma!"
6. The Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Cherokee, Seminole and Natchez
7. It honored the Navajo "Code Talkers" whose ancient language served as a code never broken by the Japanese
8. The Erie Canal
9. The Iroquois, Huron, Delaware, Illinois, Chippewa and the Menominee
10. Sacajawea
11. Ely Samuel Parker (1828 - 1895)
12. The Blackfeet, Cheyenne, Dakota, Arapaho, Comanche, Pawnee, Arikara, Mandan, Osage, Missouri, Caddo, Kickapoo and the Crow
13. 1965 as a result of the Voting Rights Act
14. The disease was scurvy
15. The Gosiutes, Paiutes, Shoshone, Makah, Patwin, Chastacosta, Chumash, Maidu and the Pomo

Air Force to play Virginia Tech in SF Bowl

By John Van Winkle
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- The Air Force Academy accepted a bid to play Virginia Tech in the inaugural Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl.

"I'm thrilled to announce that the first team to ever be selected to play in a bowl game in San Francisco is the Air Force Academy," said Gary Cavalli, San Francisco Bowl executive director. "We're delighted to have Air Force. It's a great honor for a first-year bowl to get a program like Air Force. They represent what is right in college football."

The bowl game is planned for Dec. 31, and pits the 8-4 Falcons against Virginia Tech, which finished 9-4 and took third in the Big East conference.

"Right now we're practicing fundamental football," said Falcons coach Fisher DeBerry. "We're going to block and tackle and practice executing our kicking game. We're going to improve every area of our game that we can."

The team practiced last week, and through the end of this week before taking a break for cadet finals. Practices resume Saturday,

Sunday and Monday through Thursday, before the cadets' Christmas break begins. Kickoff for the bowl game is 9:30 p.m., and the game will be televised by ESPN2.

Virginia Tech and Air Force will meet for the first time since Air Force defeated the Hokies, 23-7, in the 1984 Independence Bowl.

"We feel we have one of the best matchups in the 2002-03 bowl lineup," Cavalli said. "We have two of the premier programs in the country and two of the top coaches in the nation."

Virginia Tech finished the regular season 9-4 overall and 3-4 in the Big East. Air Force ended its regular season with an 8-4 overall mark and a 4-3 record in the Mountain West Conference. "I have all the respect in the world for Virginia Tech and the job (coach) Frank Beamer has done there," DeBerry said. "We're very excited about the opportunity to play such a nationally-respected program."

The game features two of the top special team's units in the country. Virginia Tech and Air Force rank first and second respectively, since 1990 in blocked kicks. The Hokies have blocked 85 while Air Force



Tech. Sgt. Ken Wright

Air Force Academy Falcons halfback Darnell Stephens (15) blasts toward the end zone as offensive coordinator Chuck Peterson cheers him on during the Falcons' final regular season game. The Falcons lost the game, 38-34 to the San Diego State University Aztecs. After posting an 8-4 record this season, the Falcons will take on the Virginia Tech Hokies Dec. 31 in the San Francisco Bowl. The last time the two teams met, the Falcons won 23-7 in the 1984 Independence Bowl.

has 79.

The game also features the third and fourth longest tenured coaches in the nation. DeBerry has been at Air Force for 19 years while Beamer has been at

Virginia Tech 16 years. Only Penn State's Joe Paterno (37) and Bobby Bowden (27) of Florida State have been at their schools longer.

The bowl game is the

17th in Air Force history and 12th in the DeBerry era. Air Force is 8-7-1 all-time in bowl games. DeBerry has led the Falcons to a 6-5 bowl record.

Local Advertisement

Scores and more
Editor's note -- All scores, standings and schedules are courtesy of the sports and fitness center and Dyess Lanes.
Basketball
Dyess Varsity 2002-2003 schedule
Saturday-Sunday results

Schedule
Jan. 11-12 -- vs. Tinker AFB, Okla.
Jan. 25-26 -- at Lackland AFB
Feb. 8-9 -- at Fort Sill
Feb. 15-16 -- vs. Altus AFB, Okla.
March 1-2 -- vs. Sheppard AFB, Texas
March 8-9 -- at Sheppard AFB
March 15-16 -- Southwest Military Basketball Championships at Kirtland AFB, N.M.

Bowling
Dyess Bantams

(As of Nov. 2)	Won	Lost
Golden Eagles	21	3
Burning Gundum	20	8
The Griffens	14	14
Blue Dragons	11	17

Dyess Juniors/Majors

(As of Dec. 7)	Won	Lost
Strikers	25	19
Dancing Flamingos	23	21
Liar Liar POF	23	21
Pin Heads	17	27

Dec. 7 high scores
High scratch game -- Matthew Scruggs, 121
High handicap game -- Cory Easterling, 197
High scratch series -- Ryan Starks, 415
High handicap series -- Stacy Brin, 561

Dyess Preps

(As of Dec. 7)	Won	Lost
Girls Rock!!	30	14
Team No. 2	24	20
Three Musketeers	23	21
Dumb Luck	21	23
Team No. 5	18	26
Queen Bowlers	16	28

Dec. 7 high scores
High scratch game -- Christopher Cabrera-Taylor, 129
High handicap game -- Dori Armstrong, 167
High scratch series -- Samantha Barker, 360
High handicap series -- Katie Rogers, 484

American League

(As of Monday)	Won	Lost
7th MOS	72	24
7th EMS	68	28
7th SVS #2	62	32
9th BS	48	48
7th CMS	46	50
7th MXS/9th BS	46	50
7th MXS/13th AMF	44	52

7th LRS #1	42	54
7th MSQ	40	56
436th TS	38	58
7th LRS #2	36	60
7th MDG	34	62
7th CPTS	32	64
7th SFS	32	64

Monday's high scores
High scratch game -- Mark Kuhar, 258; Kathy DiCicco, 182.
High handicap game -- Matt Morris, 279; Pam Aulerich, 256.
High scratch series -- James Templeton, 665; Doy Brown, 463.
High handicap series -- Don Cobb, 793; Cristal Arnold, 672.

Season high scores
High scratch game -- Curtis Hayes, 268; Tom Murphy, 267; Curt Lopez, 256; Cristal Arnold, 204; Kathy DiCicco, 197; Hectory Villareal, 180.
High handicap game -- Chris Garcia, 322; Barry Brown, 307; Roger Burner, 307; Doy Brown, 282; Jennifer Dawson, 268; Lindsey Maurice, 260.
High scratch series -- Robert Dickmeyer, 691; James Templeton, 665; Mark Kuhar, 653; Sarah Webb-Frost, 576; Melissa Perez, 547; Sandy Colley, 494.
High handicap series -- Don Cobb, 832; Blake Keating, 818; Nathan McLead-Hug, 808; Michelle Huff, 743; Christa Rosine, 722; Brandy Haefner, 720.

National League

(As of Dec. 3)	Won	Lost
7th CES	64	40
Services Command	60	44
7th CMS	56	48
7th SVS	56	48
7th Ammo	56	48
Team 5	55	49
28th AMF	53	51
13th AMF	53	51
317th AMXS	49	55
7th LRS #3	46	58
7th MSS	46	58
9th AMF	38	66
7th EMS	36	68
Giga Gutters	34	70
7th SFS	14	90

Season high scores
High scratch game -- Annette Roberts, 268; George Perez, 255; Fred Strojny, 253; Stephanie Kraly, 233.
High handicap game -- Fred Strojny, 318; Jim Haller, 316; Annette Roberts, 314; Julie Martin, 301
High scratch series -- Annette Roberts, 661; George Perez, 642; John Bullard, 621; David Robinson, 621; Stephanie Kraly, 550.
High handicap series -- Nathan Allison, 814; Annette Roberts, 799; Ken Armstrong, 785; Julie Martin, 763.

Dyess OSC League

(As of Dec. 11)	Won	Lost
Crazy 8's	36.5	19.5
Herk Hotties	34	22
Herky Girls	33	23
Lane Dames	32.5	23.5
Kiss My Average	31	25
Gutter Wynches	30.5	25.5
Gutter Girls		29.5
26.5		
OddBalls	26	30
Bowlin' Mamas	26	30
Wishful Thinking	23	33
Clueless	17	39
Split Happens	17	35

Dec. 11 high scores
High scratch game -- Angela Thomas, 199; Stephanie Williams, 175; Jean Adamski, 170.
High handicap game -- Angela Thomas, 271; Brandi Lewis, 237; Donna Bean, 229.
High scratch series -- Cristie Arnold, 464; Stephanie Williams, 460; Kathy DiCicco, 456.
High handicap series -- Angela Thomas, 669; Terri Foote, 634; Angelia Sheldon, 615.

Season high scores
High scratch game -- Angela Thomas, 199; Stephanie Williams, 175; Jean Adamski, 170.
High handicap game -- Angela Thomas, 271; Brandi Lewis, 237; Donna Bean, 229.
High scratch series -- Cristie Arnold, 464; Stephanie Williams, 460; Kathy DiCicco, 456.
High handicap series -- Angela Thomas, 669; Terri Foote, 634; Angelia Sheldon, 615.

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

(As of Dec. 6)	Won	Lost
Misfits	60	36
We Don't Care	58	46
1/4 Bowlers	58	46
HMO	54	50
Are You Kidding?	51	53
Mixed Nuts	44	60
Lucky Dawgs	43	61
HNSB's	40	64
Odd Couples	39	65
Team No. 3	38	66
Team No. 2	37	67
Team 12	22	82

Season high scores
High scratch game -- John Bullard, 247; Stephanie Keatin, 243.
High handicap game -- Darren Crider, 306; Linda Sneed, 268.
High scratch series -- Blake Keating, 649; Margaret McMillian, 645.
High handicap series -- Tom Brown, 761, Sarah Webb-Frost, 716.

Flag football
Intramural standings

National League	Won	Lost	Games behind
(Final)			
317th AMXS	6	1	--

7th CES	4	2	1 1/2
Bone Ops	4	2	1 1/2
7th MUNS	3	4	3
7th CMS	2	3	3
28th BS	2	3	3
7th EMS	2	5	4
7th CONS	2	5	4

American League

(Final)	Won	Lost	behind
7th SFS	7	1	--
7th LRS	6	2	1
Fire Dept.	6	2	1
7th AMXS #1	5	2	1 1/2
7th CS	3	4	3 1/2
40th AS	2	6	5
7th OSS	2	7	5 1/2
7th AMXS #2	0	7	6 1/2

Playoffs
Winners bracket, first round
Dec. 11 results
317th AMXS 25, 40th AS 6
7th LRS 21, 7th MUNS 20
7th AMXS #1 2, 7th EMS 0 (forfeit)
Fire Dept. 2, 7th CONS 0 (forfeit)

Dec. 12 results
7th CMS 7, 7th OSS 0 (forfeit)
Bone Ops defeated 7th CS (score not available)
7th CES defeated 7th AMXS #2 (score not available)
7th SFS defeated 28th BS (score not available)

Second round
Dec. 13 results
7th AMXS #1 vs. 317th AMXS
Bone Ops vs. 7th CMS
7th SFS vs. 7th CES

Monday's result
7th LRS vs. Fire Dept.

Third round
Wednesday's results

Losers' bracket, first round
Monday's results
40th AS vs. 7th EMS
7th MUNS vs. 7th CONS
7th CS vs. 7th OSS
28th BS vs. 7th AMXS #2

Second round
Tuesday's results

Third round
Wednesday's results

Today's games
Losers' bracket finals, 5:30 p.m.
Base championship, 6:30 p.m.
Base championship "If" game, 7:30 p.m.

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Golf scramble

The Mesquite Grove Golf Course is hosting a holiday golf scramble Saturday.

The cost is \$15 and includes lunch, cart fees and green fees.

For more information, call 6-2402.

Squadron golf day

The Mesquite Grove Golf Course is offering a special rate to squadrons who host a squadron play day during the week.

The cost is \$10 for airmen and \$12 for NCOs and officers. The cost covers green fees, club rental and cart fees.

For more information, call 6-4384.

Jingle Bell Run

The fitness center is hosting the annual 5K Jingle Bell Run/Walk Tuesday in

base housing.

For more information, call the fitness center at 6-3697.

Holiday Golf

A holiday golf scramble is scheduled for Saturday. The cost is \$15 which includes lunch and cart and green fees.

The shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m.

Stress buster

Reserve the paintball field for unit stress buster challenges.

The field is available 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Call 6-2402 for reservations.

Championship game

The base championship intramural flag football game will be at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 20.



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Social hour

Social hour is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. today at The Heritage Club and The Enlisted Lounge.

Complimentary snacks will be served.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Greenware sale

The Crafter’s Haven Skills Development Center is having a holiday greenware sale today.

Customers can receive a 10 percent discount.

For more information, call 6-4175.

Bowling special

Customers can bowl for \$1 a game Wednesday through Jan. 5 during open bowling hours.

For more information, call 6-4166.

Super brunch

The Heritage Club is having its monthly “Super Sunday Brunch” from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 22.

The brunch features omelet and Belgian waffle stations.

To make reservations or for more information, call 6-2405.

New Years party

The “Dyess After Dark” New Year’s Eve party is from 8 p.m. Dec. 31 to 2 a.m. Jan. 1 at The Hangar Center.

Guests can dance to Top 40 music, and enjoy food, champagne and party favors.

The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members.

For more information, call 6-2405.

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New Year's bowling

Customers can celebrate New Year's at Dyess Lanes. Beginning at 8 p.m. Dec. 31 there is a nine-pin, no-tap tournament, followed by Thunder Alley.

The cost is \$12 and covers bowling, Thunder Alley, a glass of champagne for a New Year's toast and breakfast.

For more information, call 6-4166.

Bowling leagues

Dyess Lanes mid-season leagues are now forming.

The adult "have a ball" league runs from Jan. 12 to April 13.

The cost is \$12 a night and bowlers receive a new ball when the league is over.

The Tuesday night mixed league runs from Jan. 14 to April 15.

The cost is \$8 a night.

For more information, call 6-4166.

Club dining

The Heritage Club features a different lunch special Mondays through Fridays during December.

Lunchtime dining is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The schedule is:

Mondays -- Mexican buffet

Tuesdays -- Fried chicken buffet

Wednesdays -- Barbecue buffet

Thursdays -- Asian buffet

Fridays -- Seafood buffet

The regular lunch menu is also available.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Football Frenzy

Football Frenzy is 7 p.m. Mondays at The Hangar Center.

Customers are encouraged to take advantage of the club's big screen television, recliners, snacks and other specials.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Bingo mania

Bingo mania is 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays at The Hangar Center. Card sales begin at 6:30 p.m. and early bird games begin at 7 p.m.

Participants must be at least 18 years

old. The jackpot is up to \$500.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Karaoke

There is karaoke from 6-9 p.m. Fridays at The Hangar Center.

For more information, call 6-4305.

Thunder Alley

Thunder Alley is from 9:30-11:30 p.m. Fridays and from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays at Dyess Lanes.

The cost is \$6 per person Fridays and \$8 per person Saturdays. The cost includes shoe rental.

For more information, call 6-4166.

Birthday special

Children celebrating their birthday at Dyess Lanes receive free shoe rental, one free game and a meal for \$3.50.

For more information, call 6-4166.

Auto skills special

The auto skills center offers a road trip special this month.

The special includes a 27-point inspection, oil change, tire rotation and balance, fluid topping and an intensive look at the hoses and belts.

Prices start at \$49.95 depending on the make and model of the vehicle.

For more information, call 6-4179.

Instructors needed

The community center is looking for music and dance instructors.

For more information, call Willie Cooper at 6-4305.

Car detailing

The auto skills center now offers car detailing.

For price listings or to schedule an appointment, call 6-4179.

Club discount

Club members receive a 20 percent discount on the lunch menu at The Heritage Club. Lunchtime dining is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 6-2405.

The BIG Screen

The Dyess theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card. Guests are welcome. Unless otherwise noted, all movies begin at 7 p.m. Adult admission is \$1.75, children 6 - 12 years old is \$1.25, and children under 6 are admitted free.

Today

Tuck Everlasting -- *Alexis Bledel, Ben Kingsley* -- When Winnie is lost in the woods near her home, she happens upon Jesse, a boy unlike any she's ever met but, his family holds a powerful secret. Winnie must decide whether to return to her life or stay with her beloved Jesse and his family forever.

Rated PG (*violence*)

Saturday

Ghost Ship -- *Gabriel Byrne, Alex Dimitriades* -- In a remote region of the Bering Sea, a boat salvage crew discovers the eerie remains of a grand passenger liner thought lost for more than 40 years. Once onboard, the crew must confront the ship's horrific past and face the ultimate fight for their lives.

Rated R (*violence, gore, language and sexuality*)

Dec. 20

The Ring -- *Naomi Watts, Chris Cooper* -- Rachel uncovers a strange videotape which may have led to the deaths of local teenagers. An urban legend says whoever watches the tape will die after seven days. After she and her son watch the tape she realizes she's running out of time to uncover the secret of the ring.

Rated PG-13 (*thematic elements, disturbing images, language and drug references*)

Dec. 21

I Spy -- *Eddie Murphy, Owen Wilson* -- Based on the 1960's television series, secret agent Scott recruits professional boxer Robinson to help him recover the U.S. government's prototype spy plane.

Rated PG-13 (*action violence, some sexual content and language*)

Dec. 27

Santa Clause 2 -- *Tim Allen, Elizabeth Mitchell* -- The new Santa has gotten used to the job, and is well-loved across the world. However, a new clause is brought to his attention: The Mrs. Clause. Santa must find a bride, so he hits the singles scene to try and find a mate.

Rated G

Dec. 28

8 Mile -- *Eminem, Kim Basinger* -- A young rapper from Detroit deals with his emotions and anger through music. Struggling through poverty and dreams of stardom without a supportive family to help him, the rapper turns to music.

Rated R (*strong language, sexuality, violence and drug use*)

